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Dear

On 4 June 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The list of the top 30 employers that received the Wage Subsidy payments and the total amount repaid to date.*

The Wage Subsidy scheme was set up on a high-trust model. Even though employers have repaid money to the Ministry, it does not mean they did not follow the rules. We have found that, in most cases, employers are doing the right thing. In many cases where entitlements have been wrongly claimed, it is due to uncertainty about the eligibility criteria rather than deliberate attempts at deception.

The Ministry informed employers that they could apply for the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy if they thought they would have a financial downturn as a result of the pandemic. If they did not experience a significant downturn, then they were informed that they would need to repay the money. More information about these obligations can be found in the Employer Declaration Links that were previously provided to you.

Please find **Table One** enclosed in **Appendix A**, which outlines the top 30 Companies paid the highest amount of Wage Subsidy after the deduction of any repayments, as at 30 June 2021.

It is important to note that some repayments were made voluntarily and that, not all repayments shown in the dataset were requested by the Ministry.

You can find further details regarding when an employer needs to repay some or all of the 2020 COVID-19 Wage Subsidy at the following link:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/2020-wage-subsidy/repayments.html.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider

public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding major companies which have received the Wage Subsidy, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix A.

Table One: The top 30 Companies paid the highest amount of Wage Subsidy after the deduction of any repayments, as at 30 June 2021.

NAME	Total amount paid	Total amount repaid	Total amount paid allowing for repayments
Air New Zealand Limited	\$116,807,850.00	\$3,802,657.07	\$113,005,192.93
Fletcher Building Holdings Limited	\$67,690,747.20	\$0	\$67,690,747.20
Downer New Zealand Limited	\$38,232,218.40	\$193,045.16	\$38,039,173.24
Fulton Hogan Limited	\$34,254,796.80	\$939,666.41	\$33,315,130.39
Skycity Management Limited	\$31,213,119.20	\$114,482.30	\$31,098,636.90
New Zealand Post Limited	\$29,728,281.60	\$165,463.29	\$29,562,818.31
Spotless Facility Services (Nz) Limited	\$28,727,227.60	\$647,114.68	\$28,080,112.92
The Farmers Trading Company Limited	\$28,093,578.00	\$54,549.20	\$28,039,028.80
Bunnings Limited	\$27,209,073.60	\$0	\$27,209,073.60
Kiwirail Holdings Limited	\$26,394,333.60	\$82,896.00	\$26,311,437.60
Best Start Educare Limited	\$25,647,384.00	\$924,367.00	\$24,723,017.00
Awf Limited	\$24,861,418.40	\$1,531,309.20	\$23,330,109.20
Ocs Limited	\$24,447,044.80	\$1,650,828.00	\$22,796,216.80
Restaurant Brands Limited	\$22,198,264.80	\$108,060.00	\$22,090,204.80
Compass Group New Zealand Limited	\$15,970,636.00	\$293,517.60	\$15,677,118.40
Bidfood Limited	\$14,319,105.60	\$109,473.14	\$14,209,632.46
Harvey Norman Stores (Nz) Pty Limited	\$12,714,681.60	\$7,029.60	\$12,707,652.00
Adecco Personnel Limited	\$12,234,055.20	\$0	\$12,234,055.20
Kmart Nz Holdings Ltd	\$11,977,440.00	\$0	\$11,977,440.00
Flight Centre (Nz) Limited	\$11,655,819.20	\$20,649.91	\$11,635,169.29
Antares Restaurant Group Limited	\$11,483,616.00	\$0	\$11,483,616.00
Regional Facilities Auckland Trust	\$11,476,960.80	\$35,769.33	\$11,441,191.47
Waste Management Nz Limited	\$10,982,709.60	\$151,841.61	\$10,830,867.99
Lsg Sky Chefs New Zealand Limited	\$10,132,096.40	\$3,772.80	\$10,128,323.60
Southern Cross Hospital Limited	\$10,091,131.20	\$0	\$10,091,131.20
Carters Building Supplies Limited	\$10,057,809.60	\$0	\$10,057,809.60
Broadspectrum (New Zealand) Ltd	\$9,977,565.60	\$189,457.60	\$9,788,108.00
Madison Recruitment Limited	\$9,997,766.40	\$315,359.20	\$9,682,407.20
City Care Limited	\$9,308,294.40	\$237,447.80	\$9,070,846.60
Hospitality Services Limited	\$9,227,459.60	\$228,727.77	\$8,998,731.83

Notes:

- Wage Subsidy payments include the original Wage Subsidy, the Wage Subsidy Extension, and the Resurgence Wage Subsidy. Companies listed may have applied for one or more of the subsidies. Please note that this data does not contain information relating to the March 2021 subsidy.
- Please note, some repayments were voluntarily, whereas some were requested by the Ministry.
- The total amount paid allowing for repayments is the total amount paid minus the total amount repaid.